Exploration of Oil Wells at Krishna-Godavari Basin

106. SHRI KALPNATH RAI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the progress made so far in the exploration of oil wells in the on-shore and off-shore regions of the Krishna and Godavari basins;

(b) whether any source of petroleum and natural gas was discovered there recently;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) what steps are being taken to exploit the above sources commercially?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) So far 29 wells onshore and 35 wells offshore have been drilled in Krishna-Godavari basin.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. Oil and gas have recently been discovered in wells GS-16-5 (offshore) and Chintalapalli. During initial testing, the wells flowed oil and gas as follows:-

Name of well	Location	oil/gas flow	Choke size
GS - 16 - 5	About 4.5 KM from coast in KG. offshore.	2985 barrels of oil per day and 1.6 lakhs cubic meters of gas per day	32/64"
Chintalapalli	About 2.5 km of Razole town	6 lakhs cubic meters of gas per day	24/64"

(d) These discoveries are still in exploration stage and their potential for commercial exploitation will be known only after completion of exploration/delineation.

Krishna-Godavari basin as oil and gas bearing region

107. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Krishna-Godavari offshore basin has emerged as the most prospective oil and gas bearing region;

(b) whether Government propose to drill more wells to increase oil and gas production in the area; and

(c) what is the total estimated oil and gas reserves in the said region?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) Although the basin is still in exploration stage, yet it is emerging as prospective for hydrocarbons.

(b) Yes, Sir. It is proposed to drill two exploratory well in Krishna-Godavari offshore during the current year i.e. 1988-89.

(c) As on 1st January, 1987, the geological reserves of hydrocarbons in Krishna-Godavri basin have been estimated at 24.57 million tonnes of oil and oil equivalent of gas.

Policy regarding Foreign Collaboration

108. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state: